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SUBJECT: APPARENT ATTEMPT TO EXPORT U.S. MUNITIONS LIST ARTICLES
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REF: A. STATE 080229 B. VIENNA 3214

1. MFA CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN SECTION AND LIAISON OFFICER
TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE MINISTER HEINRICH GLEISSNER INFORMED US
APRIL 22 THAT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS HAD NOT BEEN IN
TOUCH WITH SWAROVSKI CONCERNING KB-25A 16 MM STRIKE CAMERA
SYSTEM OR HAD IN ANY WAY LED SWAROVSKI TO BELIEVE GOA HAD
ANY INTEREST IN CAMERA SYSTEM. FOREGOING BASED ON QUERIES
ADDRESSED BY DEFENSE MINISTRY SENIOR OFFICIAL TO SUBSECTIONS
OF DEFENSE MINISTRY WHICH NORMALLY CONCERNED WITH MILITARY
PURCHASES AND WEAPONS PLANNING.

2. BECAUSE OF NATURE OF CASE AND BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY THAT
OVERZEALOUS LOW-LEVEL DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL MAY HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED IN MATTER, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ON ITS OWN
INITIATIVE QUERIED SWAROVSKI HIMSELF WHETHER HE HAD
BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ANY MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON SUBJECT.
SWAROVSKI INDICATED HE HAD NOT AND ADDED THAT HE
HAD NOT TOLD AMERICANS THAT HE HAD BEEN ACTING ON

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BEHALF OF AUSTRIAN MILITARY IN OBTAINING CAMERA SYSTEM.
SWAROVSKI STATED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIAL THAT

"STORY" RELATED TO GOA BY EMBASSY MUST HAVE BEEN BASED ON "MISUNDERSTANDING" OVER TERMINOLOGY USED BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WHO QUESTIONED HIM ON SUBJECT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED WHETHER AUSTRIAN MILITARY MIGHT NOT CONSIDER CAMERA SYSTEM USEFUL AND IN VIEW OF NATURE OF CAMERA SYSTEM, HE HAD RESPONDED IN A POSITIVE SENSE. ASKED BY DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL ABOUT WHAT USE HE PLANNED TO MAKE OF CAMERA, SWAROVSKI STATED THAT "HIS FIRM WANTED TO USE CAMERA FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES".

3. MFA SOURCE SAID MFA AND DEFENSE MINISTRY HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POINTS RAISED PARA 6, REFTEL. BUCHANAN

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